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Ryan Gosling expounds on how his character in The Place Beyond the Pines learns there's more to being a guy than muscles, tats, motorcycles, guns and knives. Who knew?

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Lightning poised to strike again

The National Basketball League of Canada's championship is the London Lightning's to lose this year. Playoffs kick off on Saturday against the Summerside Storm

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Game of Thrones returned for a third season last week. What better way to celebrate than with a medieval-themed dinner party fit for kings, queens — and wenches

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NEWS WORTH SHARING.

Easing the way for LGBT youth

New policies. School board creates guidelines for transgender students, staff

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Shl'nane Widow is used to walking a fine line — and facing tense situations — at school.

An incident involving a substitute teacher last year stands out in her mind.

"She was taking attendance and was looking around the room for the name on the list," said Widow, 20, who graduated last spring from Montcalm Secondary School. "I said, 'I am that person,' and she said, 'But it says male, it clearly can't be you.'"

The exchange left half the class laughing, and the other half feeling "very uncomfortable," said Widow, who transitioned from male to female in her teens.

The Thames Valley District School Board is working to ease the way for students and staff like Widow. Officials started rolling out new guidelines last month designed to raise awareness and help protect transgender people from discrimination and harassment.

The detailed guidelines, developed over 18 months, urge sensitivity and outline how to handle situations that may arise over legal names, washroom selection and dress code.

For Michelle Boyce, an LGBT advocate who helped draft the guide, the district has taken a big step in the right direction. Having a positive experience in high school can go a long way for transgender teens, said Boyce, executive director of the Alphabet Community Centre, which offers support services for the LGBT community.

"The easier we can make the environment on them, the more they progress, the better marks they achieve and the happier they are," Boyce said.

Saunders Secondary School student Kaylie Sorrenti, 19, knows first-hand what Boyce means. Before she transitioned, she was failing half her courses and attempted suicide twice. Now, she's a straight-A student with her mind set on going to university.

"When you really have no one you can relate with, and no one you can identify with, it is a really isolating, depressing experience," Sorrenti said. "I am really hoping that these new policies go well, and that if they do, they can become a model for school boards across Ontario."

Protecting students

- The Thames Valley District School Board is adopting its guidelines from those issued last fall by the Toronto District School Board after a student filed a human-rights complaint.

Coraline Knight, 15: "Now I won't have to worry about all sorts of problems."
James Connolly, 17: "Teachers will be there for students whatever situation arises."
Shl'nane Widow, 20: "This policy means they will have to deal with comments made towards us."
Michelle Boyce, 44: "This is a much better path, when we can work with the school board."
Kaylie Sorrenti, 19: "I am really excited for these new policies. I wish they had came out when I had to go through everything."

Coraline Knight, from left, James Connolly, Shl'nane Widow, Michelle Boyce and Kaylie Sorrenti, all of London, met this week at the main branch of the library where their transgender support group meets. Boyce is an LGBT advocate who leads the group. The others are all students or recent graduates from the Thames Valley District School Board. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

NEWS 1

RCMP confirms remains of ex-Londoners found in Algeria

Terrorist attack. Mounties continue to look for clues to the Canadians' involvement

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The remains of two former London South Collegiate Institute students were found in the wake of an Algerian gas plant siege in January, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police confirmed Thursday.

Authorities have identified Ali Medlej, a 2006 South graduate, and Xristos Katsiroubas, who attended the school but didn't graduate, officials said. The announcement comes on the heels of media reports that the pair helped carry out a terrorist attack at the natural gas facility.

RCMP Insp. Marc Richer would neither confirm nor deny reports that the men were part of the group, saying only that they were there. Thirty-eight hostages and 29 militants were killed in the four-day fight.

"We are continuing our work, gathering evidence endlessly, to determine the circumstances that led to Ali Medlej and Xristos Katsiroubas departing Canada," Richer said.

The Mounties are asking the public to contact them about "certain behaviour" that, even in hindsight, seemed out of the ordinary for Medlej and Katsiroubas.

"If people notice something that didn't fit over the course of time, before these events, that they believe might be useful, that's what we're looking for," Richer said.

People who knew Medlej and Katsiroubas while they were in high school have said their demeanors changed suddenly about the time Katsiroubas is believed to have converted to Islam.

Police seek public's help

The RCMP are asking anyone who may have noticed odd behaviour from Ali Medlej and Xristos Katsiroubas to call 1-800-420-5805.

Quoted

"We are continuing our work, gathering evidence endlessly, to determine the circumstances that led to Ali Medlej and Xristos Katsiroubas departing Canada."
RCMP Insp. Marc Richer

Xristos Katsiroubas, left, and Ali Medlej as pictured in a 2005-06 London South Collegiate Institute yearbook.
MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Soldiers stand guard during a visit for news media organized by Algerian authorities at a gas plant that was the target of a terroist attack in January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OPP investigation. London Mountie facing breach of trust charges

A sergeant from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's London detachment has been charged with breach of trust and obstructing justice.

The Ontario Provincial Police launched an investigation in July 2012 at the RCMP's request. Charges against John Kowalczyk, who also lives in London, were announced Thursday.

OPP and RCMP officials declined to discuss details of the allegations, saying that's considered "evidence" for upcoming court proceedings.

Coming up

RCMP Sgt. John Kowalczyk will appear in London Provincial Court on May 9.

Kowalczyk, 59, has been suspended with pay, and the RCMP has started a "code-of-conduct investigation" along with a review of Kowalczyk's "duty status," said Sgt. Richard Rollings, a spokesman for the Mounties.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

SIU investigating fatal east-end shooting

Police in "riot gear" descended on an east London neighbourhood shortly before shots rang out in a nearby townhouse, residents said.

The Wednesday night scene was a surprise given the usually relaxed pace along Culver Drive, Cody Reid, 18, said.

"It's a quiet neighbourhood," said Reid, who lives across from the house where the man was found.

Yellow crime scene tape surrounded the home Thursday as members of the province's Special Investigations Unit — including those specializing in forensics — carried equipment through the front door.

London police responded about 5 p.m. Wednesday to a call regarding the safety of a "suicidal male" at the address, Const. Ken Steeves said.

Reid said his mother saw emergency responders leave the house with a body bag about 7 p.m.

"At some point, the man sustained a gunshot wound," according to the SIU. The 45-year-old was pronounced dead a short time later in hospital.

Steeves said the SIU was called in as standard procedure. The unit is asked to investigate any time police are on a scene when someone is seriously injured, dies or makes an allegation of sexual assault.

Police were called to the same neighbourhood to investigate the October 2011 death of 40-year-old Thi Tran. He was found shot to death outside K's bar and grill at Culver Drive and Clarke Road.

Anyone with information about Wednesday's incident is being asked to contact the SIU at 416-622-2038 or 1-800-787-8529, ext. 2038.

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

In other police news

- A 52-year-old Brights Grove man is facing charges after police say he lured a 14-year-old Londoner on the Internet.
- John O'Connor was arrested after police searched his house and seized evidence on Wednesday.

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Silent auction

Cops to bare it all for cancer cause

Area police officers are getting ready to go bald on top to help the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thirty police officers, including some from London, Western University and Fanshawe College, will shave their heads at noon Saturday at Masonville Place mall during a Cops for Cancer fundraiser.

A silent auction is also planned, with signed NHL jerseys and a meet-and-greet with Blue Jays' R. A. Dickey up for grabs. METRO

Admission, parking free

Show to support budding artists

Western University visual arts students will have their second annual show and sale from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Proceeds from sales go to the artists. Admission and parking are free. The show's on campus at the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre on Perth Drive. METRO

Venture London

Businesses win cash in contest

Five businesses have earned a boost from the Venture London competition.

ATMOS Marketing will get $25,000 in cash and prizes, coming out on top in the category for existing businesses. SunWash Technologies Inc. will get $15,000 in cash and prizes as winner of the start-up category. Finalists Ez Creeper Company, Forked River Brewing Company, Classic Mail Management and Universitybrand — will receive $500 each. METRO

Cut-a-thon

Freshen up those locks

Get a cut, a wash and do some good during the Parkinson Society's fundraising cut-a-thon on Sunday.

Salons from across Southwestern Ontario are offering fresh looks for $40 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit cutathon.ca to learn more. METRO

So close to their goal: BMO gifts $2M to Ivey

Fundraising for new building. Donation part of a long relationship between bank and school, officials say

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Ever wonder what $2 million will buy you?

At Western's Richard Ivey School of Business, it will get your name on an auditorium.

BMO Financial Group was at the school Thursday, announcing a $2-million donation to the school's building fund.

The money comes as officials mark the "home stretch" of a fundraising campaign to pay for new buildings. Western started building the business school's new headquarters in 2009.

"We have $3 million (left to raise) on a $110-million building, and there are a couple of gifts that we believe are coming before the end of the campaign," Ivey dean Carol Stephenson said.

While part of the building is being used now, it will officially open in September.

The faculty of Information and media studies will move into the building after a renovation.

"I think we are all kind of in shock on just how fantastic this building really is," said Gilles Ouelette, president and CEO of BMO Financial Group's private client division.

Ouelette is an Ivey graduate.

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From left, Eric Tripp, president of investment banking group with BMO Capital Markets; Carol Stephenson, dean of the Richard Ivey School of Business; and Gilles Ouellette, president and CEO, private client group, BMO Financial Group, are pictured Thursday inside the newly named BMO Financial Group Auditorium at Western University. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

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City, proponents continuing food truck talks

'Middle ground'. Report expected to hit council committee next month

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One of downtown's key players is making it a point to stay out of a debate about moving food trucks into the core.

For now, at least.

"We need to walk up the middle on this one," said Janette MacDonald, manager of the association that represents downtown businesses. "We want to make sure that everyone understands the whys, the wherefores, and that all the facts are laid (out) for everyone to understand."

City officials are working to get all of those facts in order.

Orest Katolyk, manager of licensing and municipal law enforcement, said businesses and other municipalities are being consulted regarding potential rules that could govern food trucks. A report will be presented to a council committee early next month, Katolyk said.

Leaders of the effort, meanwhile, are continuing to meet with the city and rally support elsewhere.

Dave Cook, owner of Fire Roasted Coffee and Habitual Chocolate, first pitched the idea, envisioning a downtown where trucks sell everything from gourmet chocolate to organic vegetables.

Some traditional business owners have complained that trucks will create a disadvantage for them because they don't face the same operating costs, like property taxes.

"(The city wants) to have a better understanding of what we are proposing," Cook said. "I think people are really looking for the middle ground on this."

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"We are really, really excited at the thought (of being) able to go out quickly and have some really unique foods."

Dave Cook, leader of an effort to get food trucks downtown

Dave Cook, leader of an effort to see food trucks roll into downtown city streets, is pictured Thursday at King and Talbot streets. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Gov't calling on third party for chemo probe

The Ontario government will appoint an independent third party to investigate how watered-down chemotherapy drugs were given to more than 1,100 patients, including about 665 at London Health Sciences Centre.

Many hospitals mix the medications themselves, but LHSC, three other Ontario hospitals and one in New Brunswick all used the same Hamilton-based supplier to prepare the drugs. There was too much saline added to the bags containing the chemotherapy medications, in effect watering down the prescribed drug concentrations by three per cent to 20 per cent.

The third-party review will try to determine if the problem is systemic or just an isolated incident, Health Minister Deb Matthews said. Asked whether the privatization of the preparation of chemo drugs was a factor, Matthews said "that's an important question."

"I don't want to speculate too much, but I know that cost is not likely," she said.

The five hospitals are contacting the affected patients to arrange quick appointments with their oncologists. Family members of Ontario patients who died are also being contacted. Health Canada, the provincial governments, Cancer Care Ontario and the Ontario College of Pharmacists are investigating the watering down of the cancer medications. The hospitals are also conducting their own probes.

Health Minister Deb Matthews METRO

Dr. Carol Sawka, a spokeswoman for Cancer Care Ontario and an oncologist of 25 years, said she's never seen anything like this before.

"This is an uncommon situation that has occurred on a backdrop of what's fundamentally a very safe and high-quality system," she said.

The supplier, Marchese Hospital Solutions, suggested that the problem wasn't how the drugs were prepared, but how they were administered at the hospitals.

The concerns are the result of "a difference between the manner of administration used in some hospitals that was not aligned with how the standardized preparation has been contractually specified," the company said in a statement posted on its website.

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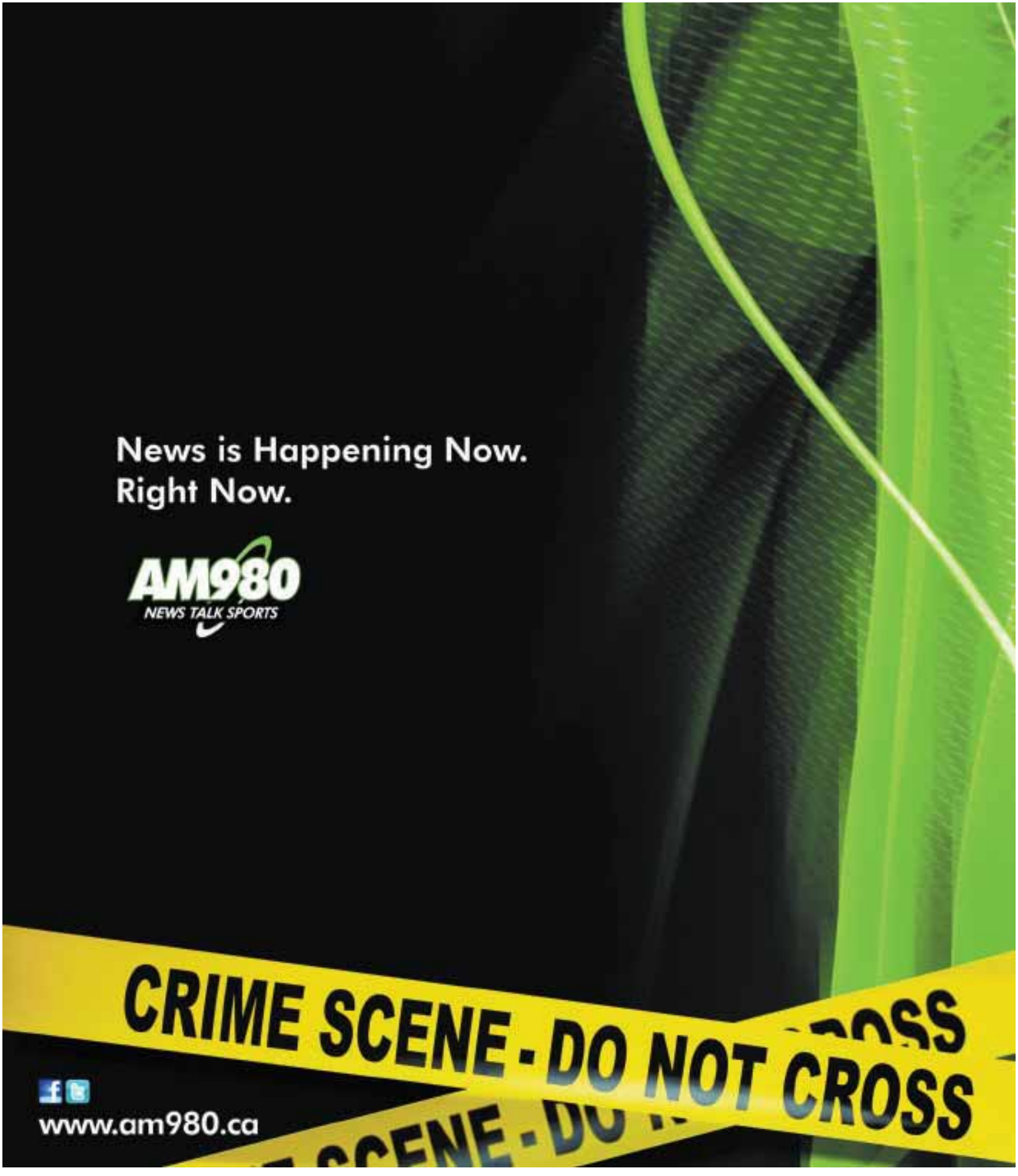
"We are confident that we fully met all the contract requirements including both volume and concentrations for these solutions."

Marchese Hospital Solutions in a statement on its website suggesting the problem was how the chemo drugs were administered at hospitals — not how they were prepared.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Movie critic Roger Ebert dies at 70

Roger Ebert THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Roger Ebert, America's best-known film reviewer who with fellow critic Gene Siskel created the template for succinct thumbs-up or thumbs-down movie reviews, died Thursday. He was 70.

Ebert, a film critic for the Chicago Sun-Times since 1967, was also the first journalist to win a Pulitzer Prize for movie criticism. He died Thursday at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, his office said.

Only a day earlier, Ebert announced that he was undergoing radiation treatment after a recurrence of cancer.

"So on this day of reflection I say again, thank you for going on this journey with me. I'll see you at the movies," Ebert wrote on his blog.

He had no grand theories or special agendas, but millions recognized the chatty man with wavy hair and horn-rimmed glasses. Above all, they followed his thumb — pointing up or down. It was the main logo of the televised shows Ebert co-hosted, first with Siskel of the rival Chicago Tribune and — after Siskel's death in 1999 — with his Sun-Times colleague Richard Roeper.

Despite his power with the movie-going public, Ebert considered himself "beneath everything else a fan."

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South Korea's defence minister said Thursday North Korea has moved a missile with "considerable range" to its east coast, but said it is not capable of hitting the United States. YONHAP, LEE JONG-HOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea missile on the move

Nukes. North is not believed to have mastered technology to miniaturize nuclear bombs to mount on long-range missiles

After a series of escalating threats, North Korea has moved a missile with "considerable range" to its east coast, South Korea's defence minister said Thursday.

But he emphasized the missile was not capable of reaching the United States and there are no signs that the North is preparing for a full-scale conflict.

North Korea has been railing against U.S.-South Korean military exercises that began in March and are to continue until the end of this month.

The allies insist the exercises in South Korea are routine, but the North calls them rehearsals for an invasion and says it needs nuclear weapons to defend itself. The North has also expressed anger over tightened UN sanctions for its February nuclear test.

Analysts say the ominous warnings in recent weeks are probably efforts to provoke softer policies from South Korea, to win diplomatic talks with Washington and solidify the image of young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

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We Are Anonymous

North gets hacked

Hackers apparently broke into two of North Korea's government-run online sites Thursday, as tensions rose on the Korean Peninsula.

A picture posted Thursday on the North's Flickr site shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's face with a pig-like snout and a drawing of Mickey Mouse on his chest.

Underneath, the text reads: "Threatening world peace with ICBMs and Nuclear weapons/Wasting money while his people starve to death."

A statement, purporting to come from the attackers, We Are Anonymous, and widely circulated online, said that they had compromised 15,000 user records.

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Facebook wants a bigger chunk of your phone

April 12 launch. New Home service will let Android users view content, chat without needing to open apps

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks about the new Home service for Android phones at the company's Menlo Park, Calif., headquarters on Thursday.
MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With its new "Home" on Android gadgets, Facebook aims to put its social network at the centre of people's mobile experiences.

If users choose to download Facebook's Home software starting on April 12, the social network will become the hub of their Android smartphones. A phone from HTC that comes pre-loaded with Home will also be available starting that day.

The idea behind the software is to bring Facebook content right to the home screen, rather than requiring users to check apps. The Home service comes amid rapid growth in the number of people who access Facebook from phones and tablet computers. Of its 1.06 billion monthly users, 680 million log in using a mobile gadget.

Rather than seeing a set of apps for email, maps and other services when they first turn on their phones, users will be greeted with photos and updates from their Facebook feeds. There will be ads too, eventually.

"We think this is the best version of Facebook there is," said CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

Recognizing that text messaging is one of the most important tasks on a mobile phone, Facebook also showed off a feature called "chat heads." This lets users communicate with their friends directly from their phone's home screen without opening a separate app.

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Product chief departs

RBC downgrades Lululemon

RBC Capital Markets cut its rating on Lululemon Athletica Inc. and lowered its target price on the stock Thursday following the departure of the company's chief product officer.

RBC analyst Howard Tubin said Sheree Waterson was instrumental in the design process at the company for the last five years. "While we continue to believe Ms. Waterson has a solid design team in place, the loss of her creative leadership adds a new level of uncertainty to the story," RBC said in an analysis.

The departure of Waterson announced by the firm late Wednesday came just weeks after Lululemon pulled its popular black Luon yoga pants from store shelves over concerns they were too sheer.

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Digital archives. British Library aims to preserve Internet for researchers

Capturing the unruly, ever-changing Internet is like trying to pin down a raging river. But the British Library is going to try.

For centuries the library has kept a copy of every book, pamphlet, magazine and newspaper published in Britain. Starting Saturday, it will also be bound to record every British website, e-book, online newsletter and blog in a bid to preserve the nation's "digital memory."

As if that's not a big enough task, the library also has to make this digital archive available to future researchers — come time, tide or technological change.

The library says the work is urgent. Ever since people began switching from paper and ink to computers and mobile phones, material that would fascinate future historians has been disappearing into a digital black hole. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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SMARTPHONES, NOT SMART USERS

The List

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1 No fair. Kim Jong-un is being unfairly criticized for his threats by people who just don't know the story. You see, after the Second World War, both countries laid claim to the southern territory, but the North lost a controversial game of Rock, Paper, Scissors. They lobbied for a "do-over," but the South asserted that the agreement was stamped "No erasies" with a "No take-backs" clause. Furthermore, South Korea's President Park Geun-hye maintains that Kim's intimidation is feeble because "We are rubber and they are glue ..." (Note: This is NOT historically accurate. It only seems that way.)

2 Spaced out. American physics professor John Cramer released an upgraded version of his recording of the theorized Big Bang that formed the universe. Cramer explains that with no air to vibrate, space has no sound, but that the medium that pervaded the universe in the first 100,000 years-ish was far more dense than the atmosphere of the Earth. All I heard was "no sound in space," thinking, "Can we send Miley Cyrus there?"

3 Sins of the father. An international team of researchers revealed a "genetic risk profile" for smokers. Ostensibly, people with a certain DNA may be predisposed to cigarette addiction. Right now, insurance companies are determining how to charge additional premiums to "elite non-smokers" based solely on their genetic makeup. Thanks guys.

4 Knocked up. Fans and media have been critical of Kim Kardashian's weight and maternity fashions. Last week, Kylie defended her step-sis, saying, "It pisses me off when people say, 'You're so fat' to Kim." Khloe stated, "OMG, I love her style," while Kourtney said, "Boo. They're jealous!" then Kendall said, "If you like it and feel good, why not?" ... and then my head exploded.

5 Smartphone. In Brazil, a woman jumped onto the subway tracks for her cellphone just as the train was arriving. The driver sounded the horn while the woman struggled to reach the platform. Two men pulled her out as the train barely missed her legs, inspiring Apple's new slogan: "iPhone5. More important than life itself."

6 Carry-on? Oh, Justin. Everyone knows you don't take your monkey to Munich without proper paperwork! Now, German authorities have given the Biebs four weeks to get him, or he'll be thrown in with the other confiscated monkeys.

7 Take a bow. Twitter exploded when Rihanna's tour bus stopped at a Walmart in Kamloops, B.C., last Sunday. Sources say the megastar entered McDonald's, bought a soft drink and made a donation to McHappy Day. She then browsed the ladies clothing section, moving gracefully, almost floating across the floor, radiating light and smelling like fresh-cut grass on a summer's day. Everyone waved as the bus pulled away, and for just one brief moment, there was peace.

8 FYI. This week in 1975, the extraordinary Minnie Riperton hit No. 1 with Loving You. Many still remember that famous high-note. Four years later, Riperton succumbed to cancer, leaving husband Richard Rudolph with daughter, Maya.
Yes, the same Maya Rudolph who made you laugh on SNL and in movies like Bridesmaids and Grown Ups.
OK, maybe not Grown Ups.

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In this city, transit is free

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Estonian capital pulls a world's first

A woman is seen placing her transit pass on an electronic reader on a city bus in the Estonian capital of Tallinn. It became the world's first capital to introduce free public transport for all residents. The initiative covers buses, streetcars and trolleybuses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Total cost

$16M

Deputy Mayor Taavi Aas says the experiment, which will cost the city some 12 million euros ($16 million) annually in lost ticket sales, has surpassed expectations. Passenger numbers are up 10 per cent, while the number of cars on city streets has fallen by as much as 15 per cent, according to Tallinn's transport authority. People move around more often, Aas said, adding, "This means they also spend more money, which boosts the economy."

Strategy actually builds city's revenue

The program is expected to boost the city's tax revenue because the registration requirement is essentially winning the city more taxable residents.

According to city calculations, some 40,000 people living and working in Tallinn are registered in other cities and towns. But more than 5,000 new Tallinn residents have been registered since Jan. 1, compared with 3,600 residency registrations during all of last year.

With 1,000 new residents equalling an estimated 1 million euros in tax revenue, the current registration rate would offset the cost. The only catch is that one must be registered as a city resident and get a two-euro transit pass. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Spring! A time of renewal, rebirth and hope that Explore.org will have the good sense to resurrect its shockingly popular live cam starring bears chilling in a river. But until that day comes (fingers crossed), there's more than enough animal voyeurism to keep us occupied.

Siku Cam

Hand-raised at a Denmark wildlife park, Siku the polar bear cub is the perfect Explore.org ursine stand-in while we wait for the grizzlies to return. And at just over a year old, he hasn't quite hit that terrifying adult stage. Go to ustream.tv and search for Siku Cam.

Monterey Bay Aquarium Kelp Forest

One of the world's tallest aquarium exhibits, the forest is home to sharks, synchronized sardines and weekly appearances from scuba-diving gardeners who keep the fast-growing kelp under control. Fun for you and your cat! Go to ustream.tv and search for Kelp Forest.

Shiba Inu Puppies

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@Justmemarie2: Jann Arden is correct her advice is wise!! ..... Justin Bieber needs to listen! ..... :-)

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Synopsis

It's spring! The days are getting longer, former Disney darlings are doing the Bikini Bounce on-screen in Spring Breakers and the Reel Guys have finally packed away their snow shovels and winter boots. So what better way to celebrate this time of growth and renewal than by staying indoors and watching movies? Today the Reel Guys select their favourite movies to usher in the new season.

Crime thriller Spring Breakers, a flick that sees former Disney stars go wild, is one of many movies embracing the season. HANDOUT

Films that will put a spring in your step

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Weary of winter? It's (hopefully) time to put away coats and bust out bikinis as the Reel Guys celebrate the coming of warm weather

Richard: Mark, there have been some Razzie winners based around spring break, that most springy of spring traditions. The Real Cancun and From Justin to Kelly spring to mind, but there have also been some pretty good ones. No one is going to mistake Reno 911! Miami as great art, but this rude, nude and lewd movie is quite funny, especially if exploding whales make you laugh. I also like the grandma of all spring break movies, Where the Boys Are. What movies remind you of spring?

Mark: Richard, to me ALL beach movies are spring movies, the formula being heat + teenagers + hope = spring. You mention Where the Boys Are, but my vote goes to For Those Who Think Young, a 1964 confection starring James Darren as a wealthy playboy trying to romance chaste Pamela Tiffin. It also stars Paul Lynde, Bob Denver, Tina Louise and Nancy Sinatra. But most importantly, there's a lot of footage of the great forgotten Florida comic Woody Woodbury. And it features the greatest movie car ever: a '64 Buick Riviera with the roof sliced neatly in two. I can't say enough good things about this bad movie.

RC: For the adults out there I'd recommend The Four Seasons, written, directed and starring everybody's favourite MASH surgeon Alan Alda. It uses the seasons — beginning in spring — to show the stages of friendship between three middle-aged couples. If it sounds too mid-life crisis-y for you, don't forget, it's also a comedy and Carol Burnett is terrific in it.

MB: Yes, it's a very good movie, with Carol Burnett in it, but it also has Bo Derek in it, too! And if The Four Seasons is about the cycle of renewal that comes with Spring, consider the Korean film Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring, which trumps the Alda film by an extra Spring. This quiet, meditative film about a Buddhist monk is best enjoyed on a Sunday night with a big pot of green tea. It's very good, but it doesn't have Bo Derek in it.

RC: On the other end of the scale we have Piranha 3D, Spring Break Massacre and Banshee!!! (they added the three exclamation marks, not me!!!) all of which are cautionary spring break tales.

MB: Yes, Richard, they may all be cautionary tales about spring break, but also about having a lousy agent.

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Horror

Evil Dead

Director. Fede Alvarez

Stars. Jane Levy, Shiloh Fernandez

Sam Raimi's original 1982 shocker The Evil Dead was a wall-to-wall, DIY splatter landmark. The Raimi produced, Fede Alvarez directed remake however forgoes most of the manic energy of the first picture (and its sequels) in favour of atmospheric chills. But a wild final act pushes the film into histrionic horror art. **CHRIS ALEXANDER**

Muscles, tattoos, guns and Ryan Gosling

The Place Beyond the Pines. Actor talks about playing a guy who makes nothing but bad decisions

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Yes, Ryan Gosling is aware of the "Hey girl" meme. When the subject is bravely broached, the already quiet actor smiles and squirms in his chair.

"Remember when Fabio was on that rollercoaster and he got hit in the face by a pigeon? I kind of feel like that pigeon lately. Wrong place, wrong time."

Gosling is bit more open when talking about his new film, The Place Beyond the Pines, his second for director Derek Cianfrance. The two are on the same page.

"We were making Blue Valentine," he remembers, "and I had this cockamamie theory that I could rob a bank and get away with it. I wasn't so afraid of jail. He said that was crazy, that he had just written a movie about that. So it felt like we should make it."

In the Place Beyond the Pines, Gosling plays Luke, a face-tattooed carnival motorcycle racer who, in the opening, discovers one of his flings has resulted in a baby boy. In an effort to support him, and hopefully reunite with the mother (Eva Mendes), he becomes a bank robber. This is only the first act of the film, and his actions have repercussions throughout the shape-shifting narrative.

"It's all about consequences," Gosling explains. "It's this guy who's a melting pot of masculine clichés: muscles, tattoos, motorcycles, guns, knives. He learns those things don't make you a man at all. He's not a man, he's just surface — a superficial person without depth. In keeping with his character, he has this melodramatic, over-romanticized idea of how to turn this sinking ship around."

Not that he did too much delving into his character. "There's not much going on inside of Luke. He's a pretty surface-level person who is faced with his own lack of depth. I tried not to think too much," he says.

Reality — in ink

Derek Cianfrance and Ryan Gosling put the priority on realism, down to the tiniest detail, including Gosling's tattoos for the film. "We wanted to make the tattoos look a mess, from someone who lived a life of not thinking things through and making bad decisions," says Gosling.

Ryan Gosling is a melting pot of masculine clichés in his latest flick. HANDOUT

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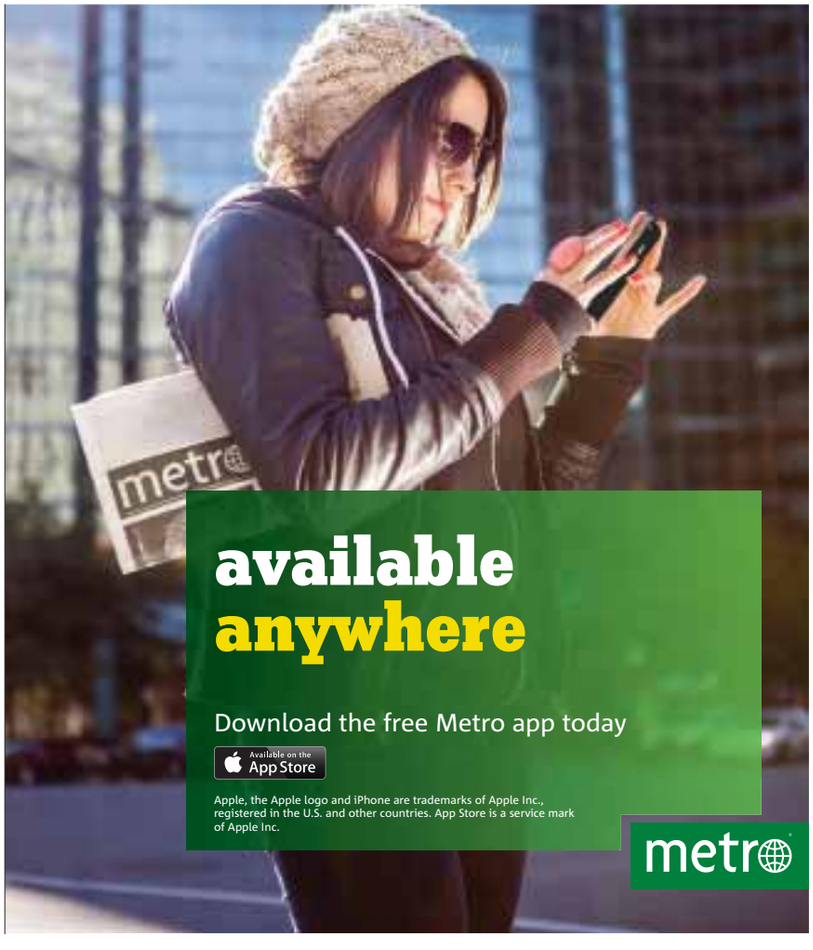
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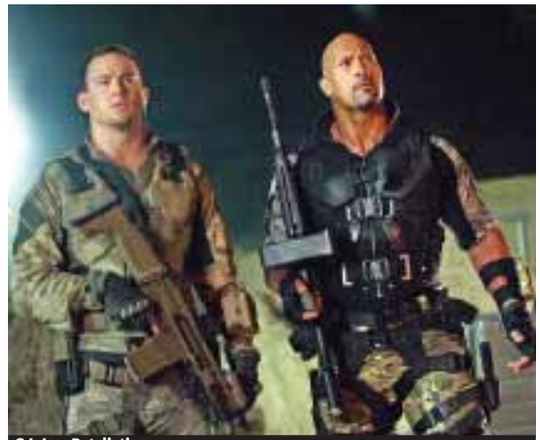
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Robin Thicke's new, unrated music video features nude models. COLIN YOUNG-WOLFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thicke blurring the lines with latest album

Online videos. With his wife's blessing, Robin Thicke pushes the boundaries by releasing an unrated and kid-friendly version of first single

Robin Thicke didn't plan on releasing the unrated version of his music video for the song Blurred Lines, which features nude models prowling around him and rappers Pharrell and T.I. Then his friends and actress-wife Paula Patton weighed in.

"When I first got both videos, I liked them both, but I thought the first one is so good maybe we'll just release that and not release the second one. And then I started playing it for my friends and my lady, and everybody just thought it was great," he said. "It's entertainment."

Thicke's unrated video hit the Web on Tuesday and so far it has more than one million views on YouTube. The original kid- and teen-friendly version debuted last week and has close to 800,000 views.

Thicke said his wife was OK with the models on the set and he sought her approval: "Obviously if she didn't like it, I wouldn't put it out."

Blurred Lines will appear on Thicke's sixth album, due out this summer.

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Roll down the window, turn up the tunes

SOUND CHECK
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Spring is here, so it's time for some fresh new tunes that can compliment the weather

Escapism/ WVM

If you're at all into the same headspace as Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails, have a listen to this kid from L.A. He even has some NIN buddies performing with him.

Paper Girl/ July Talk

People who saw this young Canadian band at Canadian Music Week are still raving about them.

Full Circle/ Half Moon Run

Out of Montreal, think of them as Radiohead meets Mumford & Sons. Very cool.

Former Degrassi: The Next Generation kid Landon Liboiron is among the stars of the upcoming Netflix series Hemlock Grove. In leaping aboard the buzz-laden horror show, he joins several former cast members who have established healthy careers well beyond the Canadian teen drama. A look at five of Degrassi's most famous alumni:

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Catching up with 5 Degrassi stars

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Aubrey Graham, a.k.a. Drake

The biggest star by far to come out of Degrassi has to be Toronto's Grammy-winning rap sensation. He first gained fame as the wheelchair-bound Jimmy Brooks on the Canuck soap but pulled a complete image overhaul with a hook-laden music career helped along by collaborations with Lil Wayne, Rihanna and Nicki Minaj.

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Nina Dobrev

This raven-haired beauty went from playing teen mom Mia Jones to the double-barrelled role of Elena Gilbert and her doppelganger Katherine Pierce on the supernatural The Vampire Diaries. Not only did the gig catapult her fame to a whole new stratosphere, it launched Dobrev into the tabloids for her off-screen romance with on-screen co-star Ian Somerhalder.

Jake Epstein

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Boy-next-door charm went a long way toward establishing a fan following for Epstein's drug-addled Degrassi regular Craig Manning. Since leaving the series he's vaulted into the theatre world with a starring role in the U.S. national tour of the Broadway hit American Idiot, as well as credits on Spring Awakening and Billy Elliot: The Musical. These days he swings for the rafters as Peter Parker/Spider-Man in the Broadway show Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark.

Shay Mitchell

Mitchell landed on one of the hottest teen series around when she followed up her Degrassi stint with a starring role on Pretty Little Liars. And she certainly hasn't had trouble with the transition — as suggested by her 1.2 million followers on Twitter.

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Shenae Grimes

Grimes bounced from one teen drama to another when she put behind her turn as the troubled Darcy Edwards on Degrassi for a leading role in the 90210 reboot as Annie Wilson. But with the U.S. series ending for good once its current fifth season wraps, the question now is what next?

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TV picks

Go Mad: Don Draper returns — this week in TV

Some hard-hitting news stories from around the world that aren't covered by mainstream media are being dealt with on VICE, a new weekly series premiering Friday. Host Shane Smith and his team of correspondents — including former intern Ryan Duffy and Dos & Don'ts book editor Thomas Morton — will look at such topics as out-of-control political assassinations in the Philippines, the sumo/mixed martial arts craze that has swept Senegal and the precarious nuclear situation in Kashmir. **(HBO Canada)**

On Britain's longest-running soap Coronation Street, the dramatic domestic abuse storyline continues on Friday. Meanwhile, the mystery deepens as an investigation continues into who started the deadly fire at the Rovers Return. **(CBC)**

Saturday Night Live is hosted by comedian Melissa McCarthy, who starred in the film Bridesmaids and currently in the TV series Mike & Molly, a role that earned her an Emmy Award. She was also nominated in 2011 for outstanding guest actress in a comedy series for SNL hosting duties. She'll be joined by the French alternative band Phoenix. **(Global)**

Madison Avenue ad exec Don Draper (John Hamm) is back as the wildly popular Mad Men kicks off its sixth season Sunday in a two-hour premiere. When the fifth season wrapped up, the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce agency was prospering, but not in ways that gratified Don. Planted at an elegant bar, he was approached by a beautiful woman who inquired, "Are you alone?" while on the soundtrack Nancy Sinatra sang the theme from the 1967 James Bond film, You Only Live Twice. **(AMC)**

Stars Carrie Underwood, Kelly Clarkson, George Strait and The Band Perry are on tap to perform at the 48th Academy of Country Music Awards Sunday in Las Vegas. Blake Shelton (The Voice), who is nominated for three awards, returns to co-host for a third consecutive year along with rookie co-host singer-songwriter Luke Bryan, who has four nods. **(CTV)** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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School's out for Bieber: Exams postponed for pop concerts

Officials at five Norwegian schools have reportedly rescheduled their midterm exams so as not to coincide with a pair of Justin Bieber concerts later this month, according to Fox News. The school officials were apparently concerned that holding the exams in conflict with the April 16 and 17 concerts would lead to students skipping the tests in favour of seeing Bieber. The singer himself apparently approves, tweeting a link to the news with the comment, "Love this."

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The Word

Are Will and Jada getting jiggy with it?

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Do Will and Jada Smith have an open marriage? If you read between the lines in a recent interview with the star with Huffington Post Live, it certainly seems like it.

"I've always told Will, 'You can do whatever you want as long as you can look at yourself in the mirror and be OK,'" she said. "Because at the end of the day, Will is his own man. I'm here as his partner, but he is his own man. He has to decide who he wants to be and that's not for me to do for him. Or vice versa."

Don't let my husband read this, please.

Amanda Bynes

It's her birthday and she'll act weird if she wants to

Amanda Bynes celebrated her 27th birthday in New York earlier this week by exhibiting some "bizarre" behaviour, eyewitnesses tell E! News. Bynes was browsing for pipes in a market in flip-flops, sweatpants and a loose wig over her long hair. "She had this shoulder-length mousy wig and then all the hair was hanging out underneath. It was bizarre. She looked homeless," the eyewitness says, adding that Bynes raised more eyebrows upon leaving the store: "She was crossing into traffic, wasn't waiting for any of the lights to change, and a cab almost hit her twice." For those keeping track, Bynes has been spotted with fading red dye in her hair, even though she previously claimed that shots of her with red hair were of an imposter.

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Dig in! Feast of Thrones

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Since I'm the guy who's still working his way through the first season of Mad Men, I've been slow getting into Game of Thrones. That said, Thrones' plot line may have me forsaking Don Draper in favour of Tyrion Lannister.

I'm on board with any show that could possibly involve a feast or two. After all, where there's a chance of wild beast being served there's bound to be booze.

It's no cliché that white meats generally call for whites wines. Their texture and subtle flavours can get steamrolled by many reds, but not all. Chicken, especially one coated with a fruit or honey glaze, is a perfect match for the bright berry flavours that ooze from the pinot noir grape.

Thrones' tales of infighting and epic battles remind me of France, pinot's original home that's no stranger to clashes of historic proportions.

The 2011 Baron Philippe de Rothschild Pinot Noir Vin de Pays d'Oc ($11.95 to $13.99) from southern France has a soft, mushroom-meets-strawberry aroma and more than enough mouth appeal to match with honeyed chicken and fantasy world conniving. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Food. HBO's Game of Thrones returned for Season 3 last week and what better way to celebrate than host a medieval-themed dinner party based on the epic fantasy novels and TV series?

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A Feast of Ice and Fire, the official Game of Thrones cookbook, recreates some of the mouth-watering recipes featured in the novels, including Dothraki Blood Pie and Hen on the Wall.

Co-author and Chef Chelsea Monroe-Cassel talks us through how to throw a premiere party, Westeros style.

Setting the scene: Rich, romantic and grandiose

We don't all live in castles, so it can be tough to transform a regular apartment into something that looks the part. One thing you can do is to set up some kind of entrance. Try to find a brocade or velvet throw from a thrift store.

Split it down the middle and tie it to either side of a door using gold cord to make a grander entryway. Illuminate the room by lighting candles everywhere.

I'd avoid using scents that are too overpowering, such as rose or patchouli, as the heavy smell could clash with the flavours of the food. Simple beeswax is best.

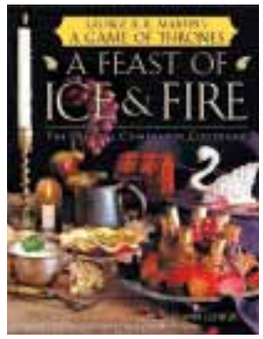

Table etiquette: Finger licking is OK

There's something awesome about being dressed up in a cloak and sat around a table eating chicken with your fingers by candlelight. Most of your guests will be hardcore fans, and think it's awesome. But others may be a little more reluctant. So if you take away their forks, leaving just knives and napkins, they'll have to play along like everyone else. Put in the extra effort to find medieval looking dishes and silverware, anything made from wood or pewter works.

The feast: Dig in

People think medieval food is gross, but recipes that sound weird are delicious once made. ... Seeing an opulent spread of food is really satisfying. So once everything is ready, lay it all out on the table at once. The only course that should be saved for later is the dessert. Serve it once your guests have settled down to watch the show in the lounge. Lastly, don't forget to quench your guests' thirst. Make sure you have plenty of red wine and apple cider to get you through the night.

Appetizer. Very simple but tasty Dornish fare

"We haven't gotten to this in the show yet, but the Dornish have some of the best finger food. Take a platter and heap it with purple olives, flatbread, hummus and feta cheese."

Ingredients

- Hummus
- Purple Olives
- Pita bread
- Feta Cheese

1. Place the hummus, olives, pita bread and feta cheese on a platter and serve.

Dinner. Honeyed Chicken

"This is essentially just a roast chicken with a good sauce, but it's great because it's straight out of the halls of Winterfell. Plus, if you deny your guests silverware, they have to tear into it with their bare hands."

1. Rub chicken down with olive oil and salt. Heat oven at 450 F and leave to roast for approximately one hour.

2. In meantime, combine all ingredients for sauce in pan and leave to simmer until the raisins look plump and the mixture thickens. Remove from the heat and when the chicken is done, coat it with honey sauce.

Ingredients

- 1 whole chicken for roasting
- Olive oil
- Salt

Sauce:

- 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 tsp fresh mint
- Small handful of raisins
- 1/2 tbsp butter

Dessert. Lemon cakes

"This is the quintessential Game of Thrones dessert because it represents everything that's good about living in that world ... and because of how mouth-watering they're made to sound in the books."

1. Cream butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in egg yolks. Blend in baking soda, lemon zest, salt and spices. Stir in flour and work until ball of dough is formed. Knead gently until smooth.

2. Roll out dough on floured surface to a 1/4-inch thickness. With floured butter knife, cut dough into small squares. Place on baking sheet lines with parchment paper.

3. Bake cakes in a preheated 300 F oven, 15 minutes. Make sure they don't brown on bottom. Place on a wire rack. While cooling, mix lemon juice and honey in pan on stove over low heat. Let cool slightly before brushing onto cakes.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter, softened
- 1/4 heaping cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 tsp baking soda dissolved
- zest from one lemon
- 1/4 tsp each salt, cloves, mace
- pinch saffron
- 1 1/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- juice from one lemon
- 1 tbsp honey

Top 3

Here are the party tips that top Monroe-Cassel's list.

- **The invite.** ...A physical invitation is incredibly important. Plus, having something mysteriously delivered to your doorstep is so much cooler than an online notification.
- **The dress code.** Request everyone (wear) a cloak. If you don't own one, wrap an old skirt around your shoulders and use a pin to clasp it around your neck.
- **The music.** MS MR: the American pop duo's hauntingly beautiful song, Bones is featured in the Season 3 trailer. The Hold Steady: the lyrics to their song, The Bear and the Maiden Fair, were actually written by Game of Thrones author George R.R. Martin. But as it won't be out in time for your party, we recommend you have their latest album, Heaven is Whenever, on repeat.

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.

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All the news that's fit to sing

The news is old, but the concept fresh: write an album about the contents of one day's newspaper. That's what Toronto band Enter The Haggis did for their new album, The Modest Revolution, based on the March 30, 2012, edition of The Globe and Mail. The folk rock quintet is playing at Aeolian Hall (795 Dundas St.) on Sunday. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $25 at the door, $20 in advance and $15 for students at aeolianhall.ca. Photo courtesy of Darin Addison.

No such thing as too much wine

There's always more to learn about wine. The Grand Theatre (471 Richmond St.) is having a wine-tasting fundraiser Tuesday with hors d'oeuvres, an auction and music from Olenka and the Autumn Lovers. A $50 ticket for 50 Shades of Grape includes food, drink and music. Proceeds will go toward programming at the theatre. The event runs from 7 to 10 p.m. Photo courtesy of Julie Bell.

Happy 20th, Great Big Sea

One of Canada's favourite Maritime folk groups is turning 20, and they're celebrating with a tour. Great Big Sea is playing at Budweiser Gardens (99 Dundas St.) on April 11 as part of their cross-Canada tour in support of their new greatest hits and box set collection, XX. It might not be quite the same as seeing them in a St. John's pub, but, then again, if anyone can make an arena show feel intimate it's Great Big Sea. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets start at $45.50 at budweisergardens.com. Photo courtesy of Chris Campbell.

Do you uke?

Sometimes the smallest instruments have the biggest hearts. The ukulele may not look like much, but that "musical underdog" status only encouraged the creators of the Mighty Uke documentary, being screened Sunday at the Palace Theatre (710 Dundas St.) Part movie screening, part concert, part sing-a-long, the Mighty Uke Roadshow has had audiences happily humming and strumming along at tour stops around the world. Check out a trailer at mightyukemovie.com. The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15. Photo courtesy of Tony Coleman.

Nashville or bust

Three Southwest Ontario roots musicians are making a "musical pilgrimage" to Nashville, Tenn., and they're looking to raise a bit more gas money before the long drive south. Allison Brown, Will Gillespie and Uncle Dan Henshall are headlining a triple-bill at The APK (347 Clarence St.) on April 11. The three have all charmed audiences with their takes on traditional country, jazz and roots music — this three-for-one is well worth it. Doors open at 9 p.m. Admission is $5. Photo courtesy of Allison Brown.

Here comes the Suuns

The music of Montreal band Suuns isn't easy to classify. Part electronic, part indie, part industrial, they have something that not a lot of bands can boast — a truly unique sound. They're playing at Call The Office (216 York St.) Tuesday with special guests The Darcys. If you're sick of the radio and can't stand that "mainstream" sound, Suuns is a band you won't want to miss. The show is 19 plus and starts at 9 p.m. Admission is $7 at the door. Photo courtesy of Kim Juneja.

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Lightning eye NBL title repeat

NBL Canada. Protecting home court the focus of heavily-favoured London in return to finals

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Whichever way you dice it, the National Basketball League of Canada trophy is the London Lightning's to lose.

As last year's champs and this season's perennial favourite, London has an impeccable setup. Three more wins and, as the team's 2012-13 season slogan says, Lightning will strike twice.

Still, plenty of work lies ahead. Nothing is guaranteed in sports.

The No. 1 seed kicks off the NBL's best-of-five finals series by duelling the Summerside Storm twice in 24 hours.

Counting numbers from the regular season and playoffs, Summerside sits first in a number of important statistical categories: Total assists, points per game, offensive rebounds per game, and total points.

London small forward Tim Ellis says the team will need to stymie the Storm's excellent long-range shooters. Turning the ball over as little as possible also goes a long way in crucial games, he adds.

"It's about possession," Ellis said. "We have to value our possessions. We can't afford unnecessary turnovers."

London outscored the Moncton Miracles 402-370 in four games in the NBL semifinal.

It took the Lightning five games to finish off the Halifax Rainmen in last year's finals, despite gaining a 2-0 lead.

London is 19-3 when taking to the Budweiser Gardens hardwood in 2012-13.

"We want to take care of home," London head coach Michael Ray Richardson said. "This is what we play for all year. Home-court advantage is supposed to be the difference."

Richardson has made plans to lean on veterans like Ellis — one of three returnees on the roster — during key moments. The larger the stage, the tenser the action, Richardson says.

"Any time you get into these type of games, you've got to be able to take care of certain situations," he added.

Leading the London charge is Elvin Mims, a six-foot-five forward from Century, Fla.

He's averaging team-highs in points per game (15.13), rebounds per game (8.98), and blocks per game (1.55).

Lightning vs. Storm

- **Game 1:** 7 p.m., Saturday, at Budweiser Gardens in London.
- **Game 2:** 7:30 p.m., Sunday, in London.
- **Game 3:** 6 p.m., Wednesday, at Credit Union Place in Summerside, P.E.I.
- **Game 4:** 6 p.m., April 12, in P.E.I.*
- **Game 5:** To be determined.*

London Lightning forwards Elvin Mims, left, and Jeremy Williams battle for a jump ball during Thursday's practice at the YMCA Centre Branch. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Knights' Stolarz flexing leadership muscle

At critical moments during the London Knights' double-overtime triumph over the Saginaw Spirit last month, goaltender Anthony Stolarz broke the seal on his leadership vault.

The towering netminder hollered at fleeting blueliners being chased down by opponents in hot pursuit. In between whistles, he continued encouraging.

By and large, Stolarz became a contributor without having to stop pucks.

Anthony Stolarz
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"When you have one shot in 10 minutes, it keeps you focused and more mentally sharp during the game," said Stolarz. "Telling guys they have (an opponent) on them — it's little things like that to keep me on my game."

Stolarz, 19, has been on his game in the OHL playoffs, boasting a 4-0 record while allowing seven goals on 129 shots.

The fourth-seeded Kitchener Rangers, which London faces Friday to start the Western Conference semifinals, will put Stolarz to the test. The Rangers have a far deeper squad than the Spirit.

"They definitely have some skilled forwards," he said. "And, obviously (Kitchener defenceman Ryan) Murphy on the point. We've got to shut him down."

London won four of six regular season games against Kitchener. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Will they or won't they play?

Knights captain Scott Harrington (upper-body injury) and hard-nosed forward Brett Welychka (head injury) are both game-time decisions. "It's still up in the air," Knights assistant general manager Rob Simpson said Thursday.

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Leafs poised for playoff push after trade deadline passes

Toronto Maple Leafs forward Joffrey Lupul tries to make it to the bench after taking a hard hit during the first period of Thursday night's game against the Philadelphia Flyers. The team announced on Twitter that he had an upper-body injury and would not return. Go to metronews.ca for more on Lupul and results from the game. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL. Reimer, Scrivens remain Toronto's goalie tandem after Kiprusoff, Luongo rumours

By the time James Reimer got home from the grocery store on Wednesday afternoon, he was still the No. 1 goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs.

While many players across the NHL waited anxiously as the 3 p.m. ET trade deadline approached, Reimer went shopping.

"Went to the grocery store, bought some groceries," Reimer said. "By the time I came home the deadline was over."

Reimer was well-served in keeping the trade talk swirling around the Maple Leafs in the background.

General manager Dave Nonis acknowledged that a deal was in place to bring Calgary Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff to Toronto, only to have the veteran netminder nix the trade because he wasn't 100 per cent committed.

The Maple Leafs were also rumoured to have made a final call to the Vancouver Canucks about Roberto Luongo, whose massive contract seems to be the only reason he's still with the club.

Reimer, meanwhile, has tried to ignore talk that Toronto needs a veteran presence in the crease with the team poised for its first playoff berth since 2004.

Toronto (20-12-4) entered play Thursday at Air Canada Centre against the Philadelphia Flyers fifth in the Eastern Conference, while Philadelphia (16-17-3) is 11th.

Nonis said after the trade deadline that he's happy with Reimer and Ben Scrivens as the Maple Leafs' goalie tandem heading into the playoffs.

"I don't really want to get too caught up in this and that. I just want to play my game," Reimer added. "Getting caught up with No. 1, No. 2, who's playing, who's not."

Reimer is one of the main reasons Toronto is in the post-season hunt, having compiled a 13-4-4 record with two shutouts, a 2.52 goals-against average and a .920 save percentage so far in 2013. Scrivens, meanwhile, is 7-8-0 with a 2.59 GAA and a .918 save percentage. He also has two shutouts.

Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf was happy to see the trade deadline come and go with just the addition of defenceman Ryan O'Byrne from Colorado and no one leaving Toronto's roster.

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"We like the group that we have. We're very confident in the team that we have and it's good that (the trade deadline is) over and behind us."

Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf

Happy bir!... oh, sorry

$340K in jewelry stolen from Bosh

While Miami Heat star Chris Bosh was out celebrating his birthday at a Morocco-themed party complete with live camels, police said Thursday that thieves made off with about $340,000 US in jewelry from his home.

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Davis Cup

Raonic, Pospisil ready to go

Milos Raonic will take on Fabio Fognini on the opening day of Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final against Italy. Raonic will play after Vasek Pospisil meets Andreas Seppi in the opening match in Vancouver.

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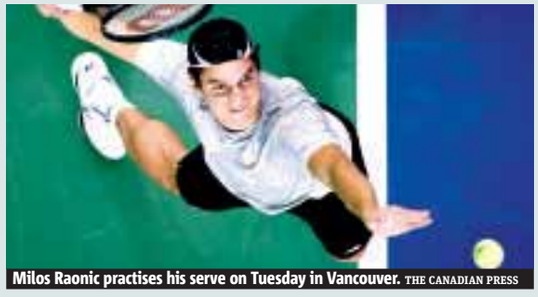

Milos Raonic practises his serve on Tuesday in Vancouver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Pelfrey wins for Twins in debut

Mike Pelfrey pitched into the sixth inning in his Minnesota debut, Josh Willingham and Trevor Plouffe hit home runs and the Twins took the season-opening series from the Detroit Tigers with an 8-2 victory Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women's hockey

"You have more time than you think, so you just can't panic."

Canadian Lauriane Rougeau on playing in her first world championship games this week in Ottawa. Canada was 2-0 on Thursday with wins over the U.S. and Switzerland.

Injured guard Kevin Ware on Wednesday in Louisville, Ky. TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Louisville has big hole to fill in Ware

Final Four. Wounded guard integral to Cardinals' high-octane, high-pressure defence

His full-leg cast and crutches aside, Kevin Ware is no different than the rest of his Louisville teammates this week. He's at team meetings. He's going to practice. He's riding the bus. He even put on his jersey to pose for the stock images that will be used during the Final Four telecast.

"He's doing everything he would normally do," Peyton Siva said.

Except playing.

Ware's presence at the Final Four is an emotional boost for the Cardinals, coming just days after he broke his lower right leg in gruesome fashion. But his absence on the floor leaves the top-seeded Cardinals vulnerable for the first time in the NCAA tournament.

"It's going to take a great effort without Kevin to win this thing. We know that," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said Thursday. "I would have said we probably were offensively and defensively one of the better teams in the country. Now I think we've got some problems that we've got to overcome. If we can do that, we can win. But we've got some problems."

The Cardinals (33-5) play Wichita State (30-8) on Saturday night.

Ware started only one game this year for Louisville, and that was back on Jan. 2. He is averaging fewer than six points in the NCAA tournament, and had a total of five assists and four steals in the first four games.

But he's been invaluable for the Cardinals, giving Pitino a much-needed backup for Siva and Russ Smith, the high-octane guards at the heart of Louisville's suffocating defence. The Cardinals don't know the meaning of the words "personal space," putting pressure on anyone who's got the ball. It's exhausting to watch, let alone play, and Pitino has made liberal use of his bench to keep everybody fresh during the tournament.

Ware averaged 20 minutes in the first three games, above his 16.2 during the regular season.

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Final Four schedule

- **Louisville (1) vs. Wichita (9).** Saturday, 6:09 p.m.
- **Michigan (4) vs. Syracuse(4).** Saturday, 8:49 p.m.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You have never been afraid to fight for your rights but you need to remember that others have rights as well. You could force your wishes on others today but it's really not worth the bad feeling.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you are the focus of gossip, the best way to deal with it is to laugh it off. It seems someone is stirring up trouble and hoping you will react. Now that you know, act cool.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not like it when others make decisions for you but the planets indicate you will have to grin and bear it today. Sometimes you have no choice but to follow orders. But you'll get your revenge.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your rivals are not nearly as powerful or influential as they think they are. Your best defense when confronted by anger or animosity is to just ignore them. Imagine they don't exist — and for you they won't.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There is something you know you must do, something you should probably have done weeks ago. Stop just thinking about it and do something concrete. Take the first step and the rest will come easy.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can't resist giving advice —it's part of your nature — but don't be surprised if what you say today is outright rejected by a friend. You're allowed to give advice but they don't have to take it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There will be situations over which you have no control and you need to accept that. Don't waste your time and energy trying to change what cannot be changed. Relax — it's life.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't be too eager to get rid of one thing so you can have another, because it may not be as simple as that. If you are thinking of making changes, try waiting a few days. They may be unnecessary.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be inclined, in true Sagittarian fashion, to throw everything at a problem in the hope that one huge effort will solve it. Maybe it will, but more likely you will exhaust yourself. Is it really worth the effort?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You seem to believe that the world is against you, that negative forces are plotting to bring you down. You've been reading too many conspiracy theories. The world is not against you, it loves you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Is it possible to affect the outcome of a situation by thinking strong and positive thoughts about it? Yes, it is. And if you give it a go over the next few days you will be amazed by the results.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It will be easy to lose your temper with someone today but is it worth the effort? No, it's not. The best way to deal with those who annoy you is to pretend they don't exist.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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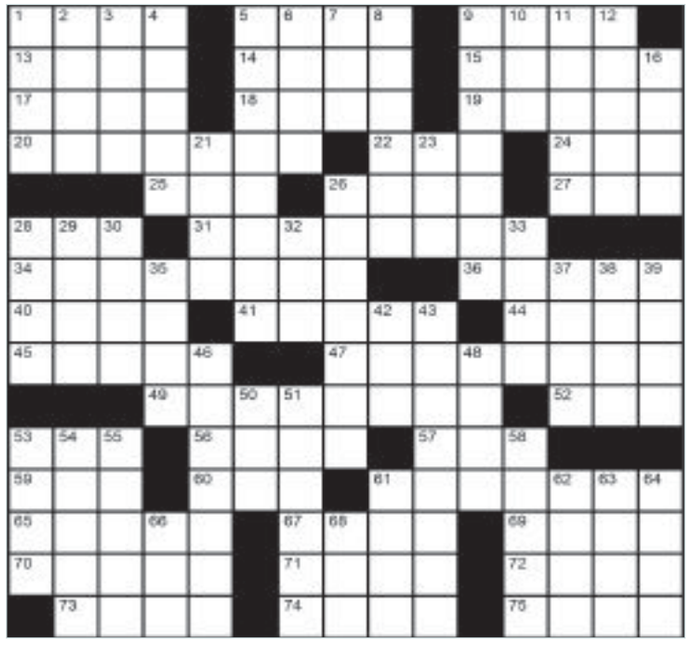

Across
1. Blue Rodeo song
5. Heidi Klums 'Runway', e.g.
9. Aries animals
13. Newspaper piece, __-__
14. Memorization method
15. 1998 to 2000 Canadian series, "__ of New Moon"
17. Carpe __!
18. Star Wars creature
19. Whoopi Goldberg's role in "The Color Purple" (1985)
20. Mulled-over by picky actors
22. Fancy affirmative
24. Chanted by chanters
25. Nose: French
26. Scheme
27. Six, in Italy
28. Opposite NbW
31. Hamlet in Nunavut
34. "American Idol" alum Constantine who is starring in #8-Down
36. Young salmon
40. Joni Mitchell's "__ for Going"
41. Perform badly, say
44. 'Memorab' add-on
45. Band
47. Breakfast appliances
49. Finance Minister, Jim __
52. Furniture wood
53. Sit-ups targets
56. Secondhand
57. Pinafore's letters in opera circles
59. Batch
60. "Oh, give __ _ home..."
61. Ancient area of France
65. Montreal __ (Where the Canadiens once played)
67. On-a-glass citrus slice
69. J.R.R. Tolkien's li'l masterpiece
70. Entertain
71. Fort __, Ontario
72. Architect Mr. Saarinen
73. Headliner
74. Knitter's need
75. Hellmann's, e.g.

Down
1. Curtains holders
2. Heroic tale
3. __-do-well
4. __. Assistant (Office job)
5. Knotted/salted snacks
6. Dustups
7. Ear: Prefix
8. __ & Hyde (Broadway musical starring Canadian singer Deborah Cox)
9. Takes back, as a statement
10. Soul: French
11. Canadian tennis player Mr. Raonic
12. Green ooze
16. "__, _ can." (Can-do attitude reply)
21. Place in South†America
23. Montreal tap liquid
26. Put forth, as fact
28. Conceitedly contented
29. Roseanne of "Roseanne"
30. As a result
32. Canine command!
33. Give off
35. Egg: French
37. Prefix meaning 'Oil'
38. Currency replaced by the Euro
39. Job
42. Hide Hair connector
43. Hamilton-born actress Ms. Robertson
46. Toronto-born actor Christopher
48. Types of orchestras, for short
50. 'Purch' add-on (Buy)
51. "Angel Eyes" singer Jeff
53. __ Romeo (Sports car)
54. Periods of prosperity
55. Work the fashion runway
58. Witch Trials site
61. Type of ruler
62. Papua New Guinea monetary unit
63. Macy Gray hit: 2 wds.
64. 'Buck' add-on
66. Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the _-_-_"
68. George Gershwin's brother

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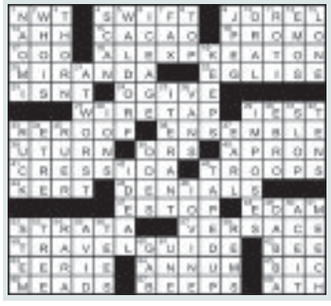

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	6		4				3	
			7				5	8
		5	3		2	1	9	
	1	7						
8								9
						6	8	
	5	1	2		4	8		
3	8				5			
	9				6		2	

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	4	5	8	9	7	6	1	3
9	3	6	4	1	2	7	5	8
7	8	1	3	5	6	4	9	2
5	2	3	9	6	8	1	7	4
1	9	4	5	7	3	8	2	6
6	7	8	2	4	1	5	3	9
4	5	7	6	2	9	3	8	1
3	1	9	7	8	4	2	6	5
8	6	2	1	3	5	9	4	7

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